

**AGING IN PLACE/COMMUNITY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE**  
**COMMISSION ON AGING**

February 21, 2017

9:30-11:30am

7300 Calhoun Place, Room 6C Rockville, MD

In Attendance: Mary Petrizzo, Bonnie Klem, Isabelle Schoenfeld, Monica Schaeffer and Richard Jourdenais

Staff: Pazit Aviv, Leslie Marks

Guests: Clarence Snuggs, Miriam Kelty, Marsha Weber, Harriet Block, Chuck Kaufman

Topic	Discussion Points	Decisions/Follow Up
Affordable Senior Housing	Clarence J. Snuggs, Director, Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs, provided the Committee with an overview of the County efforts to provide affordable senior housing. To date, the County has invested \$800 million dollars in affordable housing through partnerships, both non-governmental and state and federal funding opportunities. The senior population ( age 65+) in the County is growing rapidly, approximately 20% in the last 5 years, and housing affordability is an increasing burden for seniors in both the rental and homeowner sectors. The County strategy in developing affordable housing is multi-pronged: development of new housing on County owned land, such as The Bonifant in Silver Spring, with Montgomery Housing Partnership; trading County land with commercial developers; and providing	<b>Suggested Action Steps:</b>  <b>The Committee agreed to invite Mr. Snuggs for further discussion on this issue in the near future.</b>  <b>For the March committee meeting, invitations will be extended to Joe Podson/Homecrest House and Eventus Partners and Barbara Brubeck/Friends House to obtain information on affordable assisted living.</b>  <b>For the April Committee meeting, a round table discussion including both profit and non-profit housing developers is scheduled to learn of the types of incentives they need to develop affordable housing.</b>

	<p>incentives to preserve existing affordable housing. Developing affordable housing is a slow process which requires years -.</p> <p>Supply of affordable housing has not kept pace with need</p> <p>Montgomery County is one of the most expensive counties in Maryland yet one of the most desirable places to live.</p> <p>Action in Montgomery (AIM) has advocated the use of the Housing Initiative Fund from transfer taxes to pay for affordable housing.</p> <p>County looking at incentives for builders – low income housing tax credits, gap financing, using county owned land for affordable housing.</p>	<p><b>Clarence Snuggs recommendations:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Need more staff and money</b></li> <li><b>2. Educate communities on the need for more affordable senior housing. Be “Ambassadors” for this need to address objections during development process.</b></li> <li><b>3. Encourage creative alternative usage of existing county property. Co-location of senior housing (Bonifant House in SS)</b></li> <li><b>4. Meeting with builders and landlords including: Bozzuto, EYA, AHC, Montgomery Housing Partnership, David Hillman, HOC</b></li> <li><b>5. Housing needs access to transportation</b></li> </ol>
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